

**House File 672 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 672  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 216)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the discharge of a weapon over public  
2 open waters or from a motor vehicle and making penalties  
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.54, Code 2019, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 481A.54 Shooting rifle, shotgun, pistol, or revolver over  
4 open water, highway, or railroad right-of-way — discharging  
5 weapon from a motor vehicle — exceptions.

6 1. A person shall not shoot any rifle on or over any of  
7 the public open waters or public highways of the state or any  
8 railroad right-of-way.

9 2. A person shall not shoot a shotgun with a slug load,  
10 pistol, or revolver on or over a public roadway as defined in  
11 section 321.1, subsection 65.

12 3. A person shall not discharge a weapon from a snowmobile,  
13 all-terrain vehicle, or any other motor vehicle, as defined  
14 in section 321.1. This subsection does not prohibit a person  
15 who uses a stationary motor-driven land conveyance intended to  
16 accommodate that person's physical disability from hunting from  
17 the conveyance, as provided by rules adopted by the department  
18 pursuant to section 483A.8C. For purposes of this subsection,  
19 "weapon" means a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or any other  
20 hunting weapon.

21 ~~3.~~ 4. This section does not apply to any peace officers or  
22 military personnel in the performance of their official duties.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill relates to discharging a weapon over public open  
27 waters or from a motor vehicle.

28 Current law prohibits firing a rifle over public waters.  
29 Hunting from a snowmobile is also prohibited under current law.  
30 The bill prohibits firing a rifle over public open waters.  
31 The bill prohibits a person from discharging a weapon from a  
32 snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or any other motor vehicle.  
33 However, the bill does not prohibit a person who uses a  
34 stationary motor-driven land conveyance intended to accommodate  
35 that person's disability from hunting from the conveyance.

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1 A person who violates the provisions of the bill is subject  
2 to a scheduled fine of \$20.